



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

OLDER DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is home to more than 3,322,993 residents 65 years and older who in 2011 represented 18.9 percent of Florida's licensed driving population and 10 percent of all drivers in crashes; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, traffic crashes were the third leading cause of injury death for adults 65 years and older; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, over 17.6 percent of Florida's population was 65 years and older, compared to 12.8 percent nationally, and in 2030, the U.S. Census Bureau projects Florida's 65 years and older population to reach over 22 percent; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, it is estimated that nearly one in six people nationwide will be 65 years and older and many of them will still be driving; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation is committed to ensure the safe mobility of people and goods, enhancing economic prosperity and preserving the quality of life for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation and Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy have joined with 27 national, state, and local aging and safety advocates to form the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition to help reduce the number of aging road user crashes, while improving their safety, access, and mobility; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition endorses the American Occupational Therapy Association's designation of Older Driver Safety Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Floridians can visit the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition's website at: www.safeandmobileseniors.org to learn more about the impacts of aging on driving and how to safely maintain mobility and independence, as drivers and non-drivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing December 1 – 7, 2013, as *Older Driver Safety Awareness Week* in Florida, and encourage everyone to help reduce injuries and tragic loss of life by being proactive about safe driving skills and learn how to maintain quality of life after driving cessation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 25th day of November, in the year two thousand thirteen.


Governor